

Considering Becoming a Foster Parent?

When I first thought about being a foster parent, I thought I have to be married, I have to wait until I've graduated college, I have to wait until the perfect time... One day I just thought, "there are kids out there that need families, that need homes, and they can't wait. I'm available; I have love in my heart and space in my home. Why wait? They need me now.

— Arizona foster and adoptive parent

Foster parents come in all shapes and sizes. Some are married, some are single. Some are parents with children at home, some are empty nesters who have raised their families. Foster parents live in cities, suburbs and in rural communities. Some provide care for a few days as needed or on weekends; others do it for weeks, months, or even a lifetime. Their common bond is a desire to share their life experiences with kids who need help.

Somewhere there's a child who could benefit from all the wonderful things you have to offer. Your sense of humor. Your willingness to listen. Your acceptance of people for who they are. Somewhere, there's a child in need whose life would be more stable by living in your home.



Brothers Cleo and Robby are seeking a family able to care for them both. Cleo, 5th grade, dreams of becoming a football player. Robby, 2nd grade, loves school, particularly math. Will you help them make their dreams come true?

Arizona's kids need your love, your help and your home. You do not need a college degree, lots of money or a big fancy house. If you love talking with children about the events of their day, we need you. If your life feels more fulfilled when you're holding a baby, we need you too. If you've cheered at youth soccer, basketball and Little League games, please give us a call.

It's easier than you may think to help Arizona's children. You may be ready to take the next steps if you:

- Are over 21
- Are single, married or divorced
- Rent or own your home
- Have sufficient income to meet your current financial obligations

For more information and resources on becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent, or about any of the organizations that support foster and adoptive children and families, please visit <http://www.azkidsneedu.gov> or call toll-free within Arizona:

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